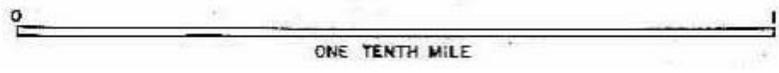


**Midas #3
PINEO POND**

DEBLOIS TWP, WASHINGTON CO, MAINE
AREA 7 ACRES



PINEO POND

Deblois Twp., Washington Co.
U.S.G.S. Cherryfield, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout
Minnows
Golden shiner

Threespine stickleback

Physical Characteristics

Area - 7 acres

Maximum depth - 52 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 70°F

40 feet - 45°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Pineo Pond is located in the blueberry barrens of Washington County. Access is via a gravel road off the primary road that goes from Route 193 to Schoodic Lake. A 4-wheel drive is recommended, because the final portion of the road is steep and has a loose rock base.

This small, deep pond provides excellent habitat for brook trout. The fishery is maintained by annual stockings of fall fingerling trout. Special regulations include "Fly Fishing Only", the only such pond in Washington County. The pond formerly provided a very good fishery in those years when Maine Hatchery Strain trout were stocked. Fishing quality declined in the period when Sourdnhunk strain trout, a wild strain, were stocked. Not only were the age I+ fish considerably smaller, but also relative survival to age II+ was poorer. This finding was unexpected in a water with such high quality habitat and minor competition. Because the Maine Hatchery Strain yielded better returns to anglers, they will once again be utilized commencing in the fall of 2002.

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